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Health as being a cash fund that they take any money out of dealing with appeals to this, and that's stricken. It's no longer applicable. I don't think it even...it doesn't exist. That's the green copy. I have several amen...or two amendments that we will talk about here in a minute. I would be glad to answer any questions though at this time on the green copy. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Mr. Clerk, an amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Baker, I have AM2277 in front of me, Senator. (Legislative Journal page 286.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This bill must be the only one on General File, I think it is, that has anything to do with water, so it kind of picked up these amendments from Department of Water Resources. The first amendment, AM2277, allows municipalities or anyone who has an industrial water permit, transfer permit, actually it allows the people that don't have these, prior to 1993 they were exempt from this requirement, that they get a permit for industrial water transfer. What it does is allows them at any time now to file for this, and those people who were not subject to this, people who drilled water wells prior to April 23, 1993, Department of Water Resources would like to get those people on record as having...as transferring industrial...or water for industrial uses and it simply opens that up. The way the statute reads now, they have to apply within five years after this 1993 date, which of course doesn't...they don't fit in that window. So this allows municipalities who are using industrial transfer water, water used for these purposes, to go in here and get the permit and that's simply a clean-up section of the statutes, and I'd be glad to answer any questions on this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on the Baker amendment? Seeing none, Senator Baker, you're recognized to close. He waives that opportunity. The question before the body is the adoption of the Baker amendment to LB 458. All those in favor vote aye; all